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CHAPTER 1

Getting Started with LangBlitz

This guide walks through everything that happens the first time you open LangBlitz, from installing the app to finishing your first review session. If you have already been using the app for a while, most of this will be familiar, but the section on CEFR levels near the end is worth reading even for existing users, since it explains a distinction (practice level versus mastery) that trips people up later on.

Installing LangBlitz

LangBlitz is an Android app, available on the Google Play Store. Installation works the same way as any other app: search for LangBlitz, tap install, and open it once the download finishes. No account creation step follows. You are taken directly into the app, and the first thing you see is the placement quiz.

There is no sign up form, no email verification, and no password to remember. This is intentional. LangBlitz stores your progress locally on your device rather than in a cloud account, which means faster setup and no data collection tied to a personal identity, but it also means backing up your progress before switching phones is something you have to do yourself. That process is covered in a separate guide, and it is worth reading before you invest weeks of study into the app, not after.

The Placement Quiz

The placement quiz is fifteen words shown one at a time. For each word, you simply tap one of two options: "New to me" if you do not recognize the word or are not confident you know what it means, or "I know it" if you do. There is no typing, no multiple choice, and no penalty for guessing wrong in either direction, since the point of this quiz is only to quickly tell whether you are starting from scratch or already have some basic foundation, not to rigorously measure how far your vocabulary actually extends.

The fifteen words are all drawn from beginner range vocabulary, some words most English speakers know by the time they finish basic schooling, others slightly less common but still elementary level. How many of them you already recognize determines whether you start at A1 (beginner) or A2 (elementary). The quiz is deliberately narrow in what it measures: it is built to catch that one distinction reliably, not to place you anywhere across the full CEFR range from fifteen yes or no answers, which would not be a reliable enough signal to build a whole learning path on. Everything from B1 upward is something you earn through automatic level progression as you actually study, not something the placement quiz guesses at upfront.

It is still worth answering honestly rather than trying to mark words as known that you are not genuinely comfortable with. Starting at A2 when you are really at A1 still means your first review sessions introduce new words a step above where you actually are, which tends to be frustrating rather than motivating. The app also has a

Fast-track Level Up test built for exactly the situation where you want to skip ahead later once you have proven you actually know the material, so there is no real advantage to inflating your placement quiz answers.

Understanding CEFR Levels

CEFR stands for the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, and it is the standard scale used across most serious English learning and testing contexts, including many of the exams LangBlitz's exam prep tags are built around. LangBlitz uses six levels, from A1 up through C2.

A1 is the beginner level, covering the most basic, everyday vocabulary. A2 is elementary, still fairly basic but broader. B1 is intermediate, the level where most people can hold a real conversation and handle everyday situations comfortably, though not with much nuance. B2 is upper intermediate, where vocabulary starts to include more abstract and less common everyday words. C1 is advanced, the level most competitive university programs and many professional contexts expect. C2 is mastery, close to or at the level of vocabulary sophistication a highly educated native speaker would have.

Right after the placement quiz, LangBlitz shows you the level it has assigned based on your answers, along with a short explanation of what that level means. This becomes your starting practice level, the level new words are drawn from by default when you begin review sessions.

Your practice level is not permanent or locked in stone. It is meant to move as you improve. LangBlitz supports both automatic progression, where the app advances your level on its own once you have introduced and reviewed enough of the current level's words with strong enough retention, and manual progression, where you take the Fast-track Level Up test whenever you decide you are ready, rather than waiting for the automatic threshold. Which mode is active is a setting you control, covered in more detail in the Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz guide, since the Fast-track test lives in that same part of the app.

One distinction worth understanding early: your practice level and your mastery are tracked separately, even though they are related. Your practice level determines which CEFR band new words get pulled from when you learn something you have never seen before. Your mastery, which you can see on the home screen as a set of progress rings for each CEFR level and in more visual detail inside Vocabulary World, reflects how well you currently remember the words you have already been introduced to, based on the spaced repetition algorithm's read on your memory strength for each one. You can be at practice level B1 while still holding strong A1 and A2 mastery from earlier, and that same A1 mastery can quietly decay if you go a long time without reviewing those words, even though your practice level has moved on to harder material. That is expected behavior, and it is the entire reason the spaced repetition system exists in the first place: to bring older words back for review right as you are about to forget them, regardless of what level you are currently learning new words at.

The Home Screen

After the placement quiz, you land on the home screen, which stays the center of the app for as long as you use it. A few things are worth knowing about what you see here on day one.

At the top is your current practice level and your streak, which starts at zero days until you complete your first full review session. Below that are several action buttons: Daily Quiz, Practice Quiz, Fast-track Level Up, Explore Word Groups, and a large button that says either "Learn new words" or "Start review" depending on whether you have due reviews yet, which you will not on your very first visit since nothing has been introduced to review.

Practice Quiz and Fast-track Level Up show a small lock icon if you are on the free tier, since both are premium features. Daily Quiz and Explore Word Groups are available to everyone regardless of tier. Tapping the large "Learn new words" button on your first visit starts your first review session, drawing new words from your assigned practice level.

Further down the home screen, you will see progress rings for each CEFR level, all showing zero percent until you begin studying, and a Word of the Day card that shows a single featured word and definition, refreshed daily and visible even to free users who have not unlocked the full word library yet.

Your First Review Session

When you start your first session, you will see a word card. The front shows the word itself along with its phonetic pronunciation. Tapping the card reveals the back: a full definition, a nuance note explaining subtle shades of meaning or usage that a plain dictionary definition would miss, an example sentence showing the word used in context, and depending on the word, additional details like synonyms, antonyms, related words, or a memory aid.

After reading the back of the card, you rate how well you knew it using four options: Again, Hard, Good, or Easy. Again means you did not know it or got it wrong, and the word will come back to you again soon, often within the same day or the next one. Hard means you knew it but it took real effort or you were not fully confident. Good means you knew it comfortably. Easy means you knew it instantly and it felt too easy for where the app currently has it scheduled. These four ratings feed directly into the FSRS scheduling algorithm, which is covered in full detail in a separate guide, and they are what determine exactly when each word comes back to you next.

There is no way to get a rating "wrong" in the sense of breaking anything. The ratings exist purely to give the algorithm an honest signal about your memory for that specific word, and rating generously or harshly will simply shift when that word reappears, not affect any score or grade.

What to Do in Your First Week

A few habits early on make a real difference in how well spaced repetition works for you over the following months. Try to review daily rather than in occasional large batches, since the algorithm is built around consistent, spaced exposure rather than cramming. Keep the default new words per session setting for at least the first week or two before increasing it, so you can get a feel for how large your daily review backlog becomes as new words start coming due again. And take the Daily Quiz each day if you can, since it is free for everyone and gives you a quick secondary check on retention beyond just the review session.

From here, the natural next guide to read is the one on spaced repetition and FSRS, which explains in detail what is actually happening behind the scenes every time you rate a card, and why the interval between reviews changes the way it does over time.

CHAPTER 2

How Spaced Repetition and FSRS Work in LangBlitz

Every time you rate a word card in LangBlitz, the app is quietly deciding exactly when you'll see that word again. This guide walks through how that decision actually gets made, in plain language, no background in memory research or algorithms required.

The Problem Spaced Repetition Solves

Human memory does not fade at a constant rate. Right after you learn something new, you forget it quickly if you do not reinforce it. But every time you successfully recall something, especially if some time has passed since you last saw it, the memory gets stronger and the next forgetting curve gets flatter. This is sometimes called the spacing effect, and it has been studied in psychology for well over a century.

The practical implication is that reviewing a word you just saw five minutes ago barely helps you remember it next month. Reviewing a word right before you would have forgotten it, even if that is weeks after you first learned it, helps enormously. The hard part is knowing when "right before you would have forgotten it" actually is for any specific word and any specific person, since it depends on how difficult that word is for you personally and how many times you have successfully recalled it before.

That is the problem spaced repetition software exists to solve. Instead of you guessing when to review something, the app tracks your performance on every individual word and calculates the ideal moment to bring it back.

What FSRS Is

FSRS stands for Free Spaced Repetition Scheduler. It is a modern, openly published algorithm that has largely replaced older approaches used by early flashcard software, which tended to rely on simpler fixed multiplier systems, for example doubling the interval every time you got a card right regardless of how difficult that specific card had actually been for you in the past.

FSRS instead models each word with a few numbers that update every time you review it. The two most important are stability and difficulty. Stability is roughly how many days can pass before your recall probability for that word drops to a certain threshold. A high stability word can go a long time between reviews and you will likely still remember it. A low stability word needs to come back soon or you will probably forget it. Difficulty reflects how hard that specific word tends to be for you, independent of how long it has been since you last saw it. Some words are just harder to hold onto than others, and FSRS learns this per word rather than assuming every word behaves the same way.

LangBlitz uses FSRS version 4.5, with scheduling weights that match the published reference implementation, so the underlying math is not a custom or simplified variant, it is the same algorithm used by other serious spaced

repetition tools.

The Four Card States

Every word in LangBlitz sits in one of four states at any given time.

New means you have never reviewed this word before. It has not been introduced yet and carries no scheduling history.

Learning is the state a word enters right after you first see it, while its initial stability is still being established. Words in this state tend to come back for review relatively quickly, sometimes within the same day, as the app gets an early read on how well you are retaining it.

Review is the main long term state. Once a word has graduated out of learning, it moves here, and this is where stability really starts to grow over successful reviews, pushing the interval between reviews further and further out as long as you keep recalling it successfully.

Relearning is where a word goes if you rate it Again while it is in the Review state, meaning you forgot something you had previously learned well enough to graduate. This is not a failure state to be worried about. Forgetting things and relearning them is a completely normal part of how spaced repetition works, and a word that has been relearned once often ends up with a more accurate, more resilient schedule afterward than one that was never challenged.

These four states are not the same thing as the mastery percentage shown on the home screen and in Vocabulary World, even though the two are related. A card's state describes where it sits in its review lifecycle, brand new, being confirmed for the first time, stable long term, or being relearned after a forget. Mastery, covered later in this guide, is a separate, continuously shifting estimate of how well you would recall a word right now. A word can sit in the Review state, the most advanced of the four, for months, while its mastery percentage still rises and falls in between individual reviews depending on how much time has passed since you last saw it.

What the Four Ratings Actually Do

When you flip a card and rate it Again, Hard, Good, or Easy, that rating feeds directly into the calculation of the word's new stability and difficulty, which together determine the next interval.

Again tells the algorithm you did not remember the word. This drops stability significantly, increases difficulty somewhat, and schedules a short interval so you see the word again soon while it is fresh in your mind from this correction.

Hard tells the algorithm you remembered it, but not comfortably. Stability still grows, but by less than a Good rating would produce, and difficulty ticks up slightly, reflecting that this word is proving to be genuinely harder for you than average.

Good is the default, expected outcome, remembering the word without excessive effort. Stability grows by a solid, unremarkable amount, and difficulty stays roughly where it was.

Easy tells the algorithm the word was no challenge at all. Stability grows by more than a Good rating would produce, difficulty drops slightly, and the next interval is pushed out further than it otherwise would have been.

It is worth being honest with these ratings rather than always tapping Good to move quickly through a session. Consistently rating a genuinely difficult word as Good, when it actually took real effort to recall, pushes its next review further out than is ideal, which increases the odds you forget it before it comes back around. The four options exist specifically so the schedule can adapt to genuine differences in difficulty between words rather than treating every successful recall the same way.

Why Mastery Can Drop Without You Doing Anything Wrong

LangBlitz shows a mastery percentage for each CEFR level, both on the home screen and in more visual detail inside Vocabulary World. This number is based on a concept called retrievability, which is the algorithm's current estimate of the probability you would successfully recall a given word right now, at this exact moment, if tested.

Retrievability decays continuously from the moment of your last review, following a curve shaped by that word's stability. A high stability word decays slowly, so its retrievability stays high for a long time even without review. A low stability word decays faster. This means it is completely normal to open the app after a week away and see your mastery percentage for a level you had previously gotten to a high percentage tick downward slightly, even though nothing you did was wrong. The words themselves have not gotten harder. The estimated probability that you would still remember them right now, without review, has simply gone down a little because time has passed. Reviewing those words again brings retrievability back up and, if you recall them successfully, increases their stability so the same amount of time passing next time will cause less decay.

Smart Pacing and Review Intensity

Two settings directly shape how the scheduling interacts with your daily study habits. Smart new word pacing, when enabled, automatically slows down how many brand new words get introduced per session as your due review backlog grows, so a busy week where you fall behind on reviews does not also pile on a large number of brand new words on top of an already large backlog. It only tapers, it never fully blocks new words unless the backlog becomes very large relative to your own new words per session setting.

Review intensity, with options for Light, Balanced, and Thorough, adjusts the overall aggressiveness of the review load the app aims for. This is a separate setting from your CEFR practice level or new words per session limit, and exists purely to let you tune the overall daily time commitment the app is optimizing toward, without changing how the underlying FSRS math itself works.

A Worked Example

It helps to walk through what a single word's journey through the system might actually look like. Say you are introduced to the word "meticulous" for the first time. It starts in the New state with no history. You see it, read the definition and example sentence, and rate it Good, since you had not encountered this exact word before but the meaning made sense once explained. It moves into Learning, and because it is brand new, the app schedules a short first interval, perhaps later the same day or the next day, to confirm the initial exposure actually stuck.

You see it again the next day, still recall it, rate it Good again, and it graduates into the Review state with a modest starting stability. A week later it comes due. You remember it easily this time and rate it Easy. Stability grows by a larger jump than a Good rating would have produced, and the next interval stretches out to perhaps two or three weeks rather than one.

Now suppose three weeks later, when it comes due again, you have genuinely forgotten it and rate it Again. It drops into Relearning, stability falls back down significantly, and you see it again soon, maybe the next day. You get it right this time, it graduates back into Review, but with a difficulty value that has ticked up slightly compared to before, since the algorithm has now learned that this particular word is a bit harder for you to hold onto long term than average. From here on, its intervals will tend to be somewhat more conservative than a word you have never forgotten, even if you go on to answer it correctly many times in a row.

This is the entire point of tracking stability and difficulty separately for every single word rather than applying one universal schedule to everything you study. Two words you currently both know equally well right now can still be scheduled very differently going forward, based on how consistently you have actually remembered each one over time.

What This Means in Practice

None of this requires active management on your part beyond rating cards honestly. The scheduling happens automatically, word by word, review by review. Understanding the mechanics mostly helps in two ways: it explains why an "easy" word can occasionally come back sooner than you expect if it has a rocky history, and it explains why letting your mastery dip during a busy week is not something to be alarmed by, since a handful of focused review sessions afterward brings it back up quickly. The two quiz formats built on top of this same scheduling data, Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz, are covered in the next guide.

CHAPTER 3

Daily Quiz vs Practice Quiz in LangBlitz

LangBlitz has three distinct ways to test yourself beyond regular flashcard review sessions: Daily Quiz, Practice Quiz, and the Fast-track Level Up test. They look similar on the surface, multiple choice questions about vocabulary, but they exist for different reasons and select their questions in completely different ways. This guide explains each one so you know which to reach for depending on what you are trying to accomplish.

Daily Quiz

Daily Quiz is a short, five question quiz available once per day to every LangBlitz user, whether you are on the free tier or have premium. It resets at the start of each new calendar day, and once you complete it, the home screen marks it as done with a checkmark until the next day arrives.

The questions in Daily Quiz are pulled from words you have already been introduced to, meaning it will not test you on vocabulary you have never studied. If you have "Limit quizzes to current level" turned on in Settings, Daily Quiz will also stay within your current CEFR practice level rather than pulling from your entire study history across every level you have touched.

Daily Quiz is meant to be a quick, low stakes daily check in rather than a serious study tool on its own. It gives you a fast read on retention and, because it is available to everyone, it works well as a reason to open the app every day even on days you do not have time for a full review session. Completing it does not directly change your spaced repetition schedule for the words involved the way a regular review session rating does, it exists alongside your review schedule rather than as a replacement for it.

Practice Quiz

Practice Quiz is a longer, ten question quiz available exclusively to premium users, and it works fundamentally differently from Daily Quiz. Instead of pulling a fairly broad or random sample of questions, Practice Quiz specifically targets your weak spots.

Behind the scenes, LangBlitz keeps a record of how many times you have seen each quiz question and how often you answered it correctly. Practice Quiz prioritizes questions you have never practiced before, then questions where your accuracy has been lowest, and it applies a cooldown so a question you just practiced recently will not immediately show up again the very next time you open Practice Quiz. The result is a quiz that, the more you use it over time, becomes an increasingly accurate mirror of exactly which words and concepts are actually giving you trouble, rather than a random assortment.

This makes Practice Quiz the better choice when your goal is specifically shoring up known weak areas, as opposed to Daily Quiz's broader, lighter touch check in. If you find yourself consistently missing certain words in regular

review sessions, Practice Quiz is the fastest way to drill down on exactly those words.

One thing worth knowing: if you leave a Practice Quiz before finishing it, none of your answers from that attempt are recorded, even for questions you did answer before leaving. You will always see a confirmation prompt first, warning you that your progress in that quiz will be lost, so this cannot happen by accident. If you want your performance on those specific questions to actually count toward future Practice Quiz selection, you need to finish the full ten questions in one sitting.

Fast-track Level Up Test

The Fast-track Level Up test is a different kind of quiz entirely, built for a specific situation: you feel confident you already know most of the vocabulary at your current CEFR level, possibly from experience with English outside the app, and you do not want to wait for the slower, automatic progression path that requires reviewing a large share of that level's words inside LangBlitz first.

It is fifty questions long, and you need to score at least forty five out of fifty, ninety percent, to pass and advance to the next CEFR level. This is intentionally a difficult bar. Unlike Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz, the Fast-track test draws its questions from the entire word pool at your current CEFR level, not only the words you have personally studied inside the app so far. This is by design. The test exists to let you demonstrate real world vocabulary knowledge and skip ahead, similar in spirit to a placement or exemption exam, rather than only confirming what LangBlitz itself has already taught you.

Because of this, the Fast-track test tends to work best for learners who already have solid real world English exposure at or above their current practice level, for example someone who grew up bilingual, has lived or studied in an English speaking environment, or has been using other resources alongside LangBlitz. If you have only just started a level and most of your vocabulary knowledge at that level has come exclusively from the app so far, you will likely find this specific test quite hard to pass yet, and that is expected. The regular, automatic progression path, along with continued practice, will get you there without needing to pass this harder exemption style test.

Like Practice Quiz, leaving a Fast-track test partway through means your progress in that attempt is not saved and does not count, with a confirmation prompt shown first so you do not lose progress by accident.

The Kinds of Questions You Will See

Across Daily Quiz, Practice Quiz, and the Fast-track Level Up test, questions are not all the same simple format. You might be asked which word is closest in meaning to a given word, shown four sentences and asked to identify the one that uses a word correctly, given a sentence with a blank and asked to choose the word that fits, or asked to match a word to its correct definition among several plausible sounding options. This variety matters because recognizing a word's meaning in isolation and recognizing whether it has been used correctly in a full sentence draw on genuinely different skills, and mixing question types gives a more honest picture of whether you actually understand a word rather than having memorized a single dictionary style definition.

The Fast-track Level Up test specifically uses definition matching questions throughout, since the goal there is a consistent, comparable measure across all fifty questions rather than a varied mix.

Streaks and Shields

LangBlitz tracks a daily streak, counting consecutive days you have completed a review session. Your current streak and your best ever streak are both shown on the home screen.

To help with the reality that everyone misses a day occasionally, LangBlitz includes a streak shield. When active, a shield protects your streak from breaking the first time you miss a day, effectively giving you one grace day before the streak count resets. Shields are not unlimited and refresh on a cycle rather than being available every single day, so it is worth treating a shield as a genuine safety net for an unavoidable busy day rather than routine permission to skip regularly.

Auto Advance and Other Quiz Settings

In Settings, you can turn on auto advance for quizzes, which automatically moves to the next question a short moment after you answer, rather than requiring you to tap a Next button each time. This is purely a convenience setting and does not change how questions are selected or scored in any of the three quiz modes.

You can also choose to limit quizzes to your current CEFR practice level, which affects Daily Quiz directly and interacts with how broadly Practice Quiz draws its weak spot questions from across levels you have studied.

Reporting a Question

If you come across a quiz question that seems wrong, whether the correct answer looks mislabeled, the wording is confusing, or the question just does not make sense for the word it is testing, every quiz screen has a report option built directly into it. Reporting a question sends it into a review queue for correction and is the fastest way to get an actual mistake fixed, both for you and for everyone else who would otherwise run into the same question later.

Choosing Between Them

If you want a quick, free, daily habit that keeps you engaged without much time investment, Daily Quiz is the right tool. If you have premium and want to specifically target the words and concepts you keep getting wrong, reach for Practice Quiz. If you are confident in your real world vocabulary at your current level and want to skip ahead rather than wait for automatic progression, the Fast-track Level Up test is built exactly for that, with the understanding that it is meant to be genuinely challenging rather than a formality.

A reasonable routine for many learners is to treat Daily Quiz as a five minute daily habit that requires almost no planning, save Practice Quiz sessions for a couple of times a week when you have noticed a pattern of the same kinds of mistakes in regular review, and only attempt the Fast-track test once you genuinely feel your current level's vocabulary is comfortable rather than as a first thing to try the moment you unlock a new CEFR level. None

of the three modes are required to make progress through the app. Regular review sessions, where new words are introduced and existing ones come back on their spaced repetition schedule, remain the core of how vocabulary actually gets learned in LangBlitz. The quizzes exist as additional tools layered on top of that foundation, not a replacement for it. For more on what premium unlocks beyond Practice Quiz, including the full word library and full access to Vocabulary World, see the free versus premium guide.

CHAPTER 4

Exploring Vocabulary World in LangBlitz

Vocabulary World is one of the more visually distinctive parts of LangBlitz, and it is also one of the most useful ones once you understand what you are actually looking at. This guide covers what the globe represents, how to read it, and how to navigate it, including the accessibility setting built for users who have difficulty distinguishing colors.

What Vocabulary World Is

Vocabulary World takes your entire vocabulary, every word across all one hundred and nineteen topic groups and every CEFR level from A1 to C2, and renders it as an interactive three dimensional globe you can rotate and explore with your finger. Each individual word is its own point on the globe, and words belonging to the same topic group sit near each other and are visually linked, like a constellation, so a topic reads as a cluster of connected points rather than one single marker. Rather than being a static map, the globe is a live reflection of your actual progress, updating as you study.

Vocabulary World itself is open to every user, free or premium. Free users can rotate the globe, browse all one hundred and nineteen groups, and see full mastery detail for their fifteen free word cards. Premium removes that limit: you can tap into any word on the globe, including groups and words you have not studied yet, rather than only the words you already have access to. The free versus premium guide covers the full breakdown of what each tier includes if you want the complete picture beyond just this feature.

How Words Are Placed and Colored

Every one of the one hundred and nineteen topic groups, covering everything from everyday conversation topics to more specialized academic and professional vocabulary, occupies its own region of the globe, with the individual words that belong to it clustered together and connected by lines, like a constellation. You can rotate the view freely to see these clusters positioned across the entire sphere rather than in a flat list, which makes it much easier to get a sense of the overall shape of your progress at a glance rather than scrolling through a long list top to bottom.

The color of each individual word reflects your current mastery of that specific word, and this is where Vocabulary World connects directly to the same spaced repetition data covered in the FSRS guide. Mastery is not simply "have I looked at this word," it is based on retrievability, the algorithm's live estimate of how likely you are to successfully recall that exact word right now, at this exact moment, given how long it has been since you last reviewed it and how strong your memory for it has become over past successful reviews. There is no separate group-level score; a topic cluster is just its individual words shown together, so two words in the same group can display very different colors depending on how each one is actually doing.

A word with high current retrievability appears as strongly mastered. A word that is solid but not yet at the strongest tier appears as learning well. A word that has started to decay toward being forgotten appears as needing review. And a word whose retrievability has dropped significantly appears as fading.

Because retrievability decays continuously over time rather than only updating when you actively study, a word's color on the globe can shift even on days you do not open the app, exactly the same way the mastery percentage rings on the home screen work. Seeing a previously strong word start to fade is not a sign anything went wrong, it is simply the natural result of time passing since your last review of that specific word, and it is a genuinely useful signal: it is telling you exactly which words to prioritize in your next review session if your goal is shoring up decay rather than only pushing forward into brand new material.

A Closer Look at the Four Mastery Tiers

It is worth understanding each of the four tiers in a bit more depth, since they are not evenly spaced categories, they represent meaningfully different situations that call for different responses. These tiers apply to each word individually, not to a topic group as a whole, so it is completely normal to rotate into a cluster and see some of its words strongly mastered while others in that same topic are fading.

A word showing as strongly mastered currently has high estimated retrievability. This is the tier where you can comfortably leave that word alone for a while without much risk, since its underlying stability tends to be high enough that retrievability decays slowly. It does not mean you will never need to review it again, it means the ideal review timing is genuinely further out right now, not that it needs attention today.

A word showing as learning well is solid but not yet at the strongest tier, typically a word that is still relatively early in its review history or that has had a mix of easy and moderately difficult ratings. These are words worth continuing to review on their normal schedule without needing to prioritize them ahead of anything else.

A word showing as needing review has started to show real decay, meaning its retrievability is low enough that you would likely struggle to recall it if tested right now. This is the tier worth actively seeking out, opening that word's group and doing a focused review pass, rather than waiting for it to come up naturally in your regular queue.

A word showing as fading is the most urgent tier, indicating retrievability has dropped substantially, often because a significant amount of time has passed since you last reviewed it. Seeing a word fade is not something to feel bad about. It usually just reflects a word you have not had reason to think about in a while, which is completely normal given that you are studying across one hundred and nineteen different topics. Treat a fading word as a direct, specific to do item rather than a general sense of falling behind.

Navigating the Globe

The globe responds to touch the way you would expect from any 3D interface on a phone: drag to rotate it and see clusters positioned around the far side, and tap on an individual word to see its own detail, including its mastery standing. You can also tap a cluster's label to jump straight into that topic group's word list, the same way you

would from the regular Explore Word Groups screen, making Vocabulary World a genuinely functional way to navigate into study material rather than a purely decorative visualization sitting separate from the rest of the app.

Worth being clear about one thing: simply viewing a word's detail on the globe does not count as a review. FSRS only updates a word's stability and difficulty when you rate it Again, Hard, Good, or Easy during a regular review session. Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz do not feed into FSRS either, they track your accuracy separately for their own question selection, covered in the Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz guide. Tapping a fading word in Vocabulary World is how you spot it, not how you review it, so seeing it is a cue to go rate that word in an actual review session, not something that resets its schedule on its own.

Shape Cues for Accessibility

Color coding alone is not accessible to everyone. A meaningful share of users have some degree of color vision difficulty, commonly called color blindness, which can make distinguishing between mastery tiers based on color alone difficult or impossible depending on the specific colors chosen and the specific type of color vision difference involved.

LangBlitz addresses this with a setting called shape cues, found in the accessibility section of Settings. When enabled, it adds rings and outlines around each word on the globe on top of the existing color coding, so mastery tier is communicated through shape as well as color. A strongly mastered word might carry a different outline style than a fading one, independent of what color each currently appears as, meaning the information is never dependent on color perception alone once this setting is turned on.

This setting costs nothing to enable even if you do not have any difficulty with color vision. Some users simply find the added visual distinction easier to parse quickly at a glance, especially when many groups are visible on the globe at once and the color differences between adjacent mastery tiers are more subtle.

Shape cues is a free accessibility setting, available to every user regardless of subscription tier. It applies to whatever part of the globe you can already see, so free users get shape cues on their fifteen free words the same way premium users get it across the full library.

Why This View Is Useful, Not Just Decorative

It would be easy to treat Vocabulary World as a novelty, a nice looking screen you check occasionally out of curiosity. In practice it solves a real problem: a flat progress percentage number, or even the CEFR level progress rings on the home screen, can hide meaningful variation. You might be at seventy percent overall mastery for a given level while a handful of specific words, say a cluster of words related to a subject you rarely think about day to day, have quietly faded to a much lower retrievability than the rest.

The globe surfaces that kind of unevenness visually and immediately, in a way a single aggregate percentage cannot, since you can see exactly which individual words within a cluster are fading rather than just a topic's overall mood. If your goal is broad, even retention across everything you have studied rather than only chasing the

newest material, periodically checking Vocabulary World and deliberately reviewing whichever words have started to fade is a genuinely effective habit, and it is one of the clearest practical arguments for why premium's full access to every word on the globe is worth it, rather than the feature being purely aesthetic.

Making Vocabulary World Part of Your Routine

A simple habit worth building is a quick weekly check of the globe, separate from your regular daily review sessions. Rotate through it, note any words that have slipped into the needing review or fading tiers, and spend one session specifically working through them rather than only taking whatever the app queues up automatically. Regular review sessions already surface individual due words on their own schedule, but they do not necessarily group your attention by topic, so a fading word might still be days away from its own individual due date even though several nearby words in that same cluster have clearly started to drift too. Vocabulary World gives you the option to get ahead of that on your own terms, which is especially useful if you know in advance that a topic matters to you, for example vocabulary tied to a specific exam or a subject you expect to need soon.

Just remember that spotting a fading word on the globe and actually reviewing it are two different steps. Browsing the globe, rotating it, and tapping words to check their status is free to do as often as you like and never changes their schedule by itself. It is only once you go rate that word during an actual review, whether from a regular session or by opening its group's word list, that FSRS recalculates its stability and difficulty and the fading color has a chance to improve.

Related Reading

To understand exactly what drives the colors you see on the globe, read the guide on spaced repetition and FSRS, which explains retrievability, stability, and difficulty in full detail. To see the complete comparison of what free and premium include, including Vocabulary World alongside the full word library and Practice Quiz, see the free versus premium guide.

CHAPTER 5

Using LangBlitz for IELTS, TOEFL, GRE, GMAT, and CAT Prep

A large share of people who download a vocabulary app are doing it for a specific reason: an upcoming exam. This guide explains how LangBlitz supports that use case specifically, through exam relevance tags built into the word library, while still keeping the core spaced repetition approach that makes vocabulary actually stick past the day you studied it.

What Exam Relevance Tags Are

Many word cards in LangBlitz carry one or more relevance tags, marking that word as commonly relevant to a specific standardized test. The exams currently covered are IELTS, TOEFL, GRE, GMAT, and CAT. Beyond those five specific exams, some words also carry broader relevance categories, including Civil Services vocabulary, University and Academic vocabulary, and Everyday Fluency, for learners whose goal is not a specific test at all but strong general command of English.

These tags are visible directly on a word card as you study it normally. There is no separate, walled off exam mode you have to switch into. Instead, as you work through your regular review sessions and the word library organized by CEFR level and topic group, you will naturally notice which words are flagged as relevant to your target exam and which are more general vocabulary. This is a deliberate design choice. Exam vocabulary is not a separate island of words unrelated to everyday English, it overlaps heavily with broader vocabulary, and studying only exam tagged words in isolation tends to produce narrower, more brittle knowledge than studying broadly with an awareness of which words matter most for your specific goal.

A Quick Look at What Each Exam Tends to Emphasize

Each of these five exams has a somewhat different vocabulary profile, and knowing the difference helps you set expectations for how much of the LangBlitz library is directly relevant to you.

IELTS and TOEFL are both general English proficiency exams, widely used for university admissions and immigration purposes, and both lean toward practical, everyday and academic vocabulary rather than obscure or highly technical words. If your goal is one of these two, a broad, steady climb through the CEFR levels, roughly B1 through C1 depending on your target band score, covers most of what you actually need.

GRE vocabulary has a well earned reputation for being unusually difficult, often including words that even strong native speakers do not use in daily conversation. GRE prep vocabulary tends to sit at the C1 and C2 levels in LangBlitz's CEFR structure, and if this is your target exam, expect to spend real time at the upper end of the app's difficulty range rather than assuming intermediate level study alone will be sufficient.

GMAT vocabulary is more moderate than GRE, leaning toward precise, formal, business and analytical writing vocabulary rather than the more obscure literary words GRE sometimes favors. CAT, widely used for business school admissions in India, has a similar profile to GMAT with some of its own emphasis, tending toward precise usage and reading comprehension vocabulary over sheer obscurity.

None of this means you should skip levels or ignore words without a specific tag matching your exam. Strong performance on any of these tests depends on overall reading comprehension and vocabulary range, not just recognizing a fixed list of "GRE words" or "IELTS words." The tags are a focusing tool, not a strict boundary around what to study.

Setting Up Your Study Plan Around a Specific Exam

Start with the placement quiz during onboarding, and answer it honestly rather than trying to place into a higher level than you are actually comfortable with. Your CEFR practice level determines which new words get introduced to you, and starting at an accurate level means the app's spaced repetition scheduling has a realistic foundation to build from rather than immediately overwhelming you with vocabulary well above where you actually are.

From there, the most effective approach for most exam timelines is consistent daily review rather than occasional long cramming sessions. This is worth taking seriously rather than treating as generic study advice, because it connects directly to how the underlying scheduling algorithm works, covered in full in the spaced repetition and FSRS guide. Cramming produces vocabulary that feels familiar the same day you studied it, but that familiarity fades quickly without spaced review. An exam is, by definition, a fixed future date, often weeks or months away, and what actually matters is whether you can recall a word's meaning on that specific day, not the day you first learned it. Spaced repetition is built precisely for that gap between learning and the moment retrieval actually needs to happen.

If your target exam leans toward the upper CEFR levels, GRE in particular, do not be discouraged if automatic level progression feels slow. You always have the option to attempt the Fast-track Level Up test once you feel genuinely ready to skip ahead, covered in the Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz guide, rather than only waiting on the automatic threshold based progression.

Using Practice Quiz to Target Exam Vocabulary Specifically

If you have premium, Practice Quiz becomes a useful tool as your exam date approaches, since it automatically prioritizes questions you have gotten wrong most often or seen least recently. As you get closer to test day and want to double check retention on words you have found difficult throughout your study, running Practice Quiz sessions is a fast way to surface exactly those weak points rather than reviewing everything evenly regardless of how confident you already are.

Beyond Recognition: Using Words in Writing and Speaking Sections

Exams like IELTS and TOEFL, and to a lesser extent GRE and GMAT through their analytical writing sections, do not only test whether you recognize a word's meaning when you see it. They also reward being able to use vocabulary correctly and naturally in your own writing and speech, which is a noticeably harder skill than passive recognition.

This is where the depth of a LangBlitz word card matters beyond just the exam relevance tag itself. Each card includes not only a definition but a nuance note explaining subtler shades of meaning, example sentences showing real usage in context, common collocations, meaning which other words typically pair with it, and a common mistakes section flagging how learners frequently misuse that specific word. For exam sections that grade your own written or spoken output, this additional context is often more valuable than the bare definition, since it is exactly the kind of detail that separates a learner who can recognize a word from one who can actually deploy it correctly under time pressure without second guessing themselves.

When reviewing a word tagged for your target exam, it is worth deliberately reading past the definition into the nuance and example sentence, rather than rating the card as soon as the definition looks familiar. That extra ten seconds per card compounds significantly over the hundreds of words a serious exam preparation plan involves.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

A few patterns show up repeatedly among learners using vocabulary apps for exam prep, and they are worth naming directly so you can avoid them. The first is inflating your placement quiz answers to start at a higher CEFR level than you are genuinely comfortable with, which tends to backfire by introducing too much unfamiliar vocabulary too quickly and making early sessions frustrating rather than productive. The second is studying only words with your exact target exam's tag and skipping everything else, which narrows your vocabulary in ways that can actually hurt reading comprehension sections, since exam passages are rarely built exclusively from a fixed tagged word list. The third, already mentioned but worth repeating, is treating the weeks immediately before an exam as the primary study window rather than starting early enough for spaced repetition to actually space things out. All three are easy to avoid once you know to watch for them.

A Realistic Timeline

Vocabulary breadth for an exam like GRE, built from genuinely low frequency words, is not something that compresses well into a short timeline no matter how many hours a day you put in. If you have a firm exam date, working backward from it is worth doing early. A rough rule of thumb: the more obscure and less frequent the target vocabulary, the more spaced exposure over time it needs before it becomes reliably retrievable under exam pressure, since low frequency words naturally have less opportunity to be reinforced by anything outside your deliberate study. Starting several months ahead of a GRE style exam, rather than a few weeks, gives the spaced repetition system enough calendar time to actually do its job, spacing reviews out further as your retention strengthens rather than compressing everything into daily cramming that will not hold up on the actual test date.

Related Reading

For a full explanation of why consistent, spaced study beats cramming, read the guide on spaced repetition and FSRS. For details on your starting level and the placement quiz, see Getting Started. For what Practice Quiz and the full word library require in terms of subscription, see the free versus premium guide.

CHAPTER 6

Backing Up and Restoring Your LangBlitz Progress

LangBlitz does not require an account, and it does not automatically sync your progress to any server. Everything you have studied lives on your device by default. That is good for privacy, but it also means if you lose your phone, reset it, or switch to a new one without doing anything first, your progress goes with it. This guide explains exactly how the export and import feature works, what it protects, and what it deliberately does not.

Why Manual Backup Exists

Some apps handle this problem by requiring an account and syncing everything to a cloud server automatically. LangBlitz takes a different approach on purpose: no login, no account creation, no data leaving your device unless you explicitly choose to export it. This means there is nothing to leak in a server breach and nothing tied to a personal identity, but the tradeoff is that backing up is something you have to actually do, not something that happens silently in the background.

Export and import are premium features. If you are on the free tier and want this safety net before a phone upgrade, it is worth factoring into whether premium makes sense for you, alongside the other features covered in the free versus premium guide.

How to Export Your Progress

In Settings, under the Data section, you will find an Export progress option. Tapping it generates a backup file containing your data and opens your device's standard save dialog, the same kind of screen you would see saving any file on Android, letting you choose exactly where to save it, commonly your Downloads folder or a cloud storage app if you have one installed.

The file itself is a plain text file in JSON format, a widely used, human readable data format. You do not need to understand JSON to use this feature, but it is worth knowing the file is not some proprietary locked format, it is plain text you could technically open and read if you were curious, though there is no need to edit it by hand and doing so could make it unreadable to the app on import.

What Is Included in a Backup

An export captures three categories of data. First, your review history for every word you have studied: which state each word is in, how many times you have reviewed it, how well you have been remembering it, and when it is next due. This is the core of your actual learning progress and the part that matters most to preserve.

Second, your user statistics: your current streak, your best ever streak, whether a streak shield is currently active, and your total review count over time.

Third, your app preferences: your CEFR practice level, your new words per session setting, your theme choice, accessibility settings like the OpenDyslexic font or high contrast mode, text to speech preferences, notification and reminder settings, and similar configuration choices you have made in Settings.

What Is Deliberately Left Out

A few things are intentionally excluded from every export, and this is worth understanding rather than assuming it is an oversight.

Free tier usage counters, like how many word cards you have opened or how many quizzes you have started under the free tier's limits, are not included.

Your premium subscription status is not included either, since it is tied to your Google Play Store account rather than to any file. If you move to a new device, premium status is restored separately through the Restore Purchases option in Settings, tied to your Play Store account being signed in, not through the backup file.

A handful of other values are also excluded: the currently active content version, an internal daily counter that resets naturally every day anyway, and your analytics sharing preference, which is treated as a per device decision rather than something that should carry over silently to a new device without you actively choosing it there too.

How to Import Your Progress

Since import is a premium feature, make sure premium is active on the device first, using Restore Purchases in Settings if you are setting up a new device and have not done so already. Once that is done, go to Settings, find Import progress in the Data section, and select the backup file you previously exported. This opens your device's standard file picker so you can browse to wherever you saved it.

Once you select the file, LangBlitz reads through it and restores everything it contains. You will see a confirmation message summarizing how many words had their progress restored.

What Happens If Something Has Changed

LangBlitz specifically matches restored review history by the word itself rather than only by an internal reference number, which matters in one particular situation: if the app's word library has been updated between when you exported and when you import, for example new words added to the library, your progress still correctly reattaches to the right word rather than potentially landing on the wrong one. If a word from your backup genuinely no longer exists in the current library at all, that specific entry is dropped rather than causing the whole import to fail, and the confirmation message will tell you if this happened for any words.

This matters more than it might sound. Without this kind of check, restoring an old backup after the app's content has changed could, in principle, silently attach your review history to the wrong word entirely. LangBlitz is built to avoid that specific failure mode.

How Often Should You Back Up

There is no automatic reminder built around this, so it is worth building your own habit. A reasonable approach is exporting a fresh backup any time you have put in a meaningful stretch of study you would not want to redo, for example after a particularly productive week, and again right before any planned change to your phone, whether that is a factory reset, a trade in, or simply upgrading to a new device. Because the file is small and the export process takes only a few seconds, there is little downside to exporting more often than you strictly need to. The only real cost is remembering to actually do it, since nothing in the app will prompt you automatically.

If you do use cloud storage to hold onto your exported file, treat that the same way you would any other personal file worth keeping, with whatever backup discipline you already use for photos or documents. The export file itself does not require special handling beyond ordinary care not to lose it.

Restoring an Older Backup

It is fine to import a backup file that is significantly older than your current install, for example one exported months earlier from a previous version of the app. LangBlitz is built to handle this gracefully: your review history restores correctly regardless of how much the app or its word library has changed in between, using the word matching approach described above rather than relying on anything that could drift out of sync between versions. You do not need to worry about exporting and importing only within a narrow window of matching app versions. A backup taken today should still restore cleanly on whatever future version of LangBlitz you are running when you actually need it.

Moving to a New Phone

The practical sequence for switching devices is straightforward. On your old phone, export your progress and save the file somewhere you can access from the new phone, an email to yourself, a cloud storage folder, or a direct file transfer between the two devices. Install LangBlitz on the new phone and complete the placement quiz as normal, since there is no way to skip onboarding. Since import is a premium feature, go to Settings and use Restore Purchases first to reactivate your subscription on the new device through your Play Store account, then go to Import progress and select the file you saved. Your review history, streak, and preferences will be restored.

It is worth doing the export step before you actually need it, meaning before you have already sold, lost, or wiped your old phone, since an export cannot be created retroactively once the data is gone.

Keeping More Than One Backup

If you export regularly, consider keeping more than just the single most recent file rather than overwriting the same one each time. Storage space for these files is minimal, and having a small history of backups from different points in time gives you options if you ever need to go back further than your most recent export for any reason, rather than only ever having access to the latest snapshot.

Related Reading

For the full breakdown of what requires premium, including export and import, see the free versus premium guide. For a fresh installation walkthrough including the placement quiz you will need to complete again on a new device before importing, see Getting Started.

CHAPTER 7

Free vs Premium in LangBlitz

LangBlitz is free to start, with no account and no payment required to begin learning. This guide breaks down exactly what the free tier includes, what premium adds on top of it, and a few practical things worth knowing about how the two interact, including what happens if a subscription lapses.

What Free Includes

Free users get full, permanent access to fifteen word cards, chosen to span a range of topics and difficulty levels so you get a genuine feel for what studying in LangBlitz is actually like before deciding whether to upgrade. These fifteen cards are not a time limited trial, they remain available for as long as you use the app, whether or not you ever subscribe to premium.

Alongside those fifteen cards, free users get the Word of the Day widget, a small home screen widget showing a new featured word and definition each day without needing to open the app at all, and full ability to browse all one hundred and nineteen topic groups to see what is available across the entire library, even though only the fifteen free words within reach are actually study ready without premium.

Daily Quiz is available to every user regardless of tier, free or premium, once per day.

What Premium Includes

Premium unlocks the complete word library, more than five thousand curated words across all one hundred and nineteen topic groups and every CEFR level from A1 to C2, with no card by card limit. Every word in that full library carries the same depth as the free fifteen: definitions, nuance notes, example sentences, synonyms and antonyms, collocations, etymology, mnemonics, and common mistakes.

Premium also unlocks unlimited Practice Quiz sessions, the adaptive quiz mode that specifically targets words and questions you have struggled with most, covered in detail in the Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz guide.

Vocabulary World, the interactive 3D globe visualization of your entire vocabulary colored by mastery level, is open to every user, but only premium lets you tap into every word on the globe, including ones you have not studied yet, rather than just your fifteen free words. It is covered in its own guide. The Fast-track Level Up test, which lets you attempt to skip ahead to the next CEFR level by passing a fifty question exam rather than waiting on automatic progression, also requires premium.

Finally, export and import, the backup and restore feature that lets you save your progress to a file and move it to a new device, is premium only. Given how much time a serious vocabulary learner invests over weeks and months, this is worth factoring in specifically if you expect to switch phones at some point while still actively using the app.

Subscription Plans

LangBlitz offers premium through monthly, annual, and lifetime purchase options, giving you flexibility depending on whether you want to try premium for a shorter commitment or pay once for permanent access. Refer to the app's premium upgrade screen to see the latest pricing.

A Quick Side by Side Summary

To make the comparison easy to scan, here is what each tier boils down to in practice. On the free tier: fifteen fully unlocked word cards forever, the Word of the Day widget every day, browsing access to all one hundred nineteen topic groups, and Daily Quiz every day. On premium: everything free includes, plus the complete library of over five thousand words with no per card limit, unlimited Practice Quiz sessions, full access to every word in Vocabulary World, the Fast-track Level Up test, and export and import backup.

How Upgrading Works

Throughout the app, premium only features are marked with a small lock icon, for example next to Practice Quiz and Fast-track Level Up on the home screen. Tapping a locked feature takes you to the upgrade screen, where you can review the available plans and subscribe.

There are actually several separate doors into that same upgrade screen, not just one. Tapping any locked word inside Vocabulary World gets you there. Tapping the Practice Quiz or Fast-track Level Up tiles on the home screen while on the free tier gets you there. Trying to export or import your progress while free also offers a path in. And you do not need to stumble into a locked feature at all to reach it: Settings has a dedicated Upgrade to Premium row sitting directly beneath your subscription status, visible only while you are on the free tier, that takes you straight to the same upgrade screen on demand. Once you subscribe, that row disappears from Settings entirely, since there is nothing left to upgrade to.

Wherever you land on the upgrade screen from, the screen itself is identical: the same monthly, annual, and lifetime plans, the same pricing, and the same subscription flow through Google Play. The only thing that differs between entry points is which specific feature nudged you there in the first place, which mostly matters for the app's own understanding of what motivated the tap, not for anything you see or choose on the screen itself.

Restoring Purchases on a New Device

Your premium subscription is tied to your Google Play account rather than to any file or local device setting, which is different from how your actual review progress works, covered in the export and import guide. If you get a new phone and install LangBlitz fresh, your subscription does not automatically appear the moment you open the app. Instead, go to Settings and use the Restore Purchases option, which checks your Play account for an active subscription and reactivates premium access accordingly, assuming you are signed into the same Google account you originally subscribed with.

What Happens If Your Subscription Lapses

If a subscription ends, whether through cancellation or a payment issue, nothing about your actual study history is deleted. Every word you have reviewed, your streak, your stability and difficulty data behind the scenes, all of it stays exactly as it was, saved locally on your device the same way it always has been.

What changes is access going forward. You return to free tier limits, meaning new word introduction is restricted back to the fifteen free words, Practice Quiz becomes unavailable again, and Vocabulary World goes back to only showing full detail for your fifteen free words rather than every word on the globe. Importantly, none of your premium era progress is deleted, it is simply set aside. Words you introduced and studied during your time as a premium subscriber remain saved in your review history exactly as they were, but they stop coming up for review while you are back on the free tier, since review sessions on the free tier pull only from your fifteen free words, the same as new word introduction. Those other words are not lost, they are effectively paused, and the moment premium is active again, they pick back up on their normal spaced repetition schedule right where they left off. Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz specifically stay correctly scoped to only your free tier accessible words once you are back on the free tier, rather than continuing to draw on your full premium era history.

What Happens When You Resubscribe

Reactivating premium, whether by subscribing again directly or by using Restore Purchases after signing back into the same Google account, immediately reverses the pause described above. Every word you introduced during your earlier premium period is still sitting exactly where you left it in your review history, and as soon as premium is active again, those words rejoin your regular review sessions on their normal spaced repetition schedule. Nothing needs to be re-imported or manually restored for this to happen, since the underlying data was never removed, only excluded from free tier sessions while premium was inactive.

One practical detail worth knowing: a word that was due for review during the time you were on the free tier does not simply vanish from the queue, it will typically show up promptly once premium resumes and reviews open back up for it, rather than waiting for its original scheduled date to arrive again. This can make your very first session back on premium feel a little heavier than usual if you were on the free tier for an extended stretch, since a backlog of previously introduced words may all become eligible for review at once. That is expected, not a sign anything went wrong, and it settles back into a normal rhythm within a session or two.

Deciding Whether Premium Is Worth It

Whether premium makes sense depends heavily on how you intend to use the app. If your goal is casual, ongoing vocabulary exposure without a specific deadline, the free tier's fifteen words plus the Word of the Day widget might genuinely be enough for a long time, giving you a new word to pick up each day with zero pressure to open the app at all. If you are preparing for a specific exam like IELTS, TOEFL, or GRE, covered in more detail in the exam prep guide, the full word library becomes much more relevant, since serious exam vocabulary coverage requires far more than fifteen words regardless of how well chosen they are. If you know you will be switching devices during

your study period, the backup feature alone is worth strong consideration, since losing weeks or months of accumulated spaced repetition history to a phone upgrade is the kind of loss that is genuinely hard to recreate quickly.

Related Reading

For how the free tier's word pool interacts with Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz specifically, see the Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz guide. For details on backing up your progress before it matters, see the export and import guide. For a full walkthrough of using the app from installation onward, see Getting Started.

CHAPTER 8

LangBlitz FAQ

This page collects answers to questions that come up often but do not need a full guide of their own. If you are looking for something more in depth, check the other help articles linked throughout, or from the main help center.

General Questions

Does LangBlitz work without an internet connection? Yes. LangBlitz works fully offline once installed. You do not need a connection to study, take quizzes, or track your progress. An internet connection is only relevant for installing or updating the app itself and, for premium users, verifying subscription status occasionally.

Do I need to create an account? No. There is no login screen and no account of any kind. Your progress is stored locally on your device. This is covered in more depth, including why it matters for backups, in the export and import guide.

What Android version does LangBlitz require? LangBlitz supports Android 8.0 and newer, which covers the large majority of Android devices in active use.

Does LangBlitz collect or sell my personal data? LangBlitz does not require personal identifying information to use, since there is no account system. There is an optional setting to share anonymous usage data to help improve the app, found in Settings under the Data section, and it can be turned off entirely at any time, including declining it outright during onboarding.

Can I use LangBlitz on more than one device? You can install LangBlitz on multiple devices, but progress does not sync between them automatically, since there is no account or server sync. If you want the same progress on two devices, use the export and import feature to transfer it manually, covered in its own guide.

CEFR Level and Progression Questions

Can I change my CEFR practice level manually? Yes. Your practice level, which determines which new words get introduced to you, can be adjusted directly in Settings at any time, separate from the automatic progression system.

What is the difference between automatic and manual level progression? With automatic progression, LangBlitz advances your level on its own once you have introduced and retained enough of your current level's words. With manual progression, your level only changes when you choose to, either by adjusting it directly in Settings or by passing the Fast-track Level Up test. Which mode is active is itself a setting you control.

I do not think my placement quiz result was accurate. Can I retake it? The placement quiz itself runs once during onboarding, but since your practice level can be changed manually at any time in Settings, you are not stuck with the initial result. If it feels too easy, move up a level, or attempt the Fast-track Level Up test if you want to prove you are ready rather than just jumping the label. If it feels overwhelming, move down. There is no penalty either way, and the spaced repetition system adapts to wherever you actually are regardless of what level label is currently set.

Why did I see a word again so soon after rating it Easy? This comes down to how the underlying scheduling works, covered in full in the spaced repetition and FSRS guide. In short, the next interval depends on a word's overall stability and difficulty history, not only your most recent rating, so a word with a rocky history can still return sooner than expected even after an Easy rating.

Accessibility and Display Questions

Is there a dark mode? Yes. Theme options include light, dark, and a setting that follows your system theme automatically, found in the Appearance section of Settings.

Can I adjust the font size? Yes, font size can be scaled up or down independently of your device's system font size setting, found in Appearance settings.

What is OpenDyslexic font, and why would I want it? OpenDyslexic is a typeface specifically designed to help some readers with dyslexia read more comfortably, using letter shapes intended to reduce common letter confusion. LangBlitz includes it as an optional font setting under Accessibility. It is worth trying even if you are not sure whether it will help, since it costs nothing to toggle on and off.

What does high contrast mode do? High contrast mode increases the visual distinction between text, backgrounds, and interactive elements throughout the app, intended for users who find standard contrast levels hard to read comfortably.

What are shape cues, and where do I find them? Shape cues add rings and outlines to mastery indicators in Vocabulary World, on top of the existing color coding, so mastery level is never communicated by color alone. This matters specifically for users with color vision differences. It is a free setting available to every user regardless of subscription tier. It is covered in full in the Vocabulary World guide, and the toggle lives in Accessibility settings.

Is there a relaxed line spacing option? Yes, a relaxed line spacing setting is available under Appearance for readers who find tighter default spacing harder to read comfortably.

Text to Speech and Pronunciation Questions

Does LangBlitz read words out loud? Yes, text to speech is available and can be toggled on or off in Settings under Audio.

Can I control how fast the pronunciation plays? Yes, speech rate can be set to slow, normal, or fast.

Can I choose between American and British pronunciation? Yes, an accent setting lets you choose between American English and British English pronunciation for text to speech.

Notifications and Reminders

How do daily reminders work? LangBlitz can send a daily notification reminding you to review, with a time you set yourself in Settings under Notifications. This is entirely optional and can be turned off completely if you prefer to rely on your own memory to open the app.

Can I change the reminder time? Yes, both the hour and minute of your daily reminder are adjustable directly in Settings.

My reminders seem delayed or inconsistent. What should I check? This is usually related to your device's battery optimization settings, which can delay notifications from apps it considers inactive. Settings includes a direct shortcut to exempt LangBlitz from this kind of battery optimization if you notice reminders arriving later than the time you set.

Study Settings

What is smart new word pacing? When enabled, this setting automatically slows down how many brand new words are introduced per session as your due review backlog grows, so a busy stretch where reviews pile up does not also add a full load of brand new words on top. It is covered in more detail in the spaced repetition and FSRS guide, since it interacts directly with the underlying scheduling.

What does review intensity control? Review intensity, with Light, Balanced, and Thorough options, adjusts the overall aggressiveness of the review workload the app aims for on a given day, letting you tune the general daily time commitment without changing your CEFR level or new words per session limit.

Can I limit quizzes to only my current level? Yes, a setting called "Limit quizzes to current level" restricts Daily Quiz and other quiz modes to only your current CEFR practice level rather than pulling from your entire study history across every level you have touched.

How do I change how many new words are introduced per session? This is set directly in Settings and defaults to a moderate number chosen to be sustainable for most learners rather than the maximum the app could technically throw at you at once.

Streaks and Widgets

How does the streak actually work? Your streak counts consecutive days you have completed a review session. It resets if a full day passes with no session and no active shield to protect it. Both your current streak and your best ever streak are shown on the home screen.

What is the streak shield? A shield protects your streak from breaking the first time you miss a day, giving you one grace day. Shields refresh on their own cycle rather than being available every day, so they work best treated as a genuine safety net for an unavoidable busy day rather than routine permission to skip regularly.

What does the Word of the Day widget show, and is it free? The widget shows a single featured word and its definition on your home screen, refreshed daily, and it is available to every user regardless of subscription tier. Adding it to your home screen uses your device's normal widget picker, the same way you would add any other app widget.

What is auto advance in quizzes? When enabled in Settings, auto advance automatically moves to the next question a short moment after you answer, instead of requiring you to tap Next each time. It is a convenience setting only and does not change how questions are scored or selected.

Reporting Problems

I found a word card or quiz question that seems wrong. What should I do? Every word card and every quiz question has a report option built directly into it. Reporting sends the specific item into a review queue for correction, and is the most effective way to get a genuine mistake fixed, both for you and for every other learner who would otherwise encounter the same issue.

Something in the app is not working the way this help center describes. What now? Settings includes a Contact Support option for exactly this kind of situation, letting you describe the issue directly.

Related Reading

For deeper coverage of specific topics only briefly touched on here, see the guides on spaced repetition and FSRS, Daily Quiz and Practice Quiz, Vocabulary World, export and import backup, and free versus premium, all linked from the main help center.

Thanks for reading

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